

Amendment After Allowance under 37 CFR 1.312
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REMARKS

This is an Amendment after Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312 and MPEP 714.16.

On November 19, 2004, a Notice of Allowance was mailed for the above-captioned patent application. The claims have been amended in order to correct informalities therein.

The amendment to claim 13 corrects a typographical error in claim 13 as it was introduced in the amendment dated March 24, 2004, in which the intended value of “ 1×10^{15} ” was erroneously presented as “ 1×10^5 ”. The present amendment amends this value to 1×10^{15} , as supported by the specification on page 8, line 4. Applicant submits that it is apparent that the originally presented value was a typographical error.

The amendments to claims 15 and 23 correct typographical errors introduced in the transcription of the claims in the amendment of August 18, 2004. In the Amendment of March 24, 2004, the term “Si” was correctly spelled in these claims, and it was mistyped as “Is” in the amendment dated August 18, 2004. The present amendment corrects these back to “Si”.

Pursuant to MPEP §714.16, it is the Applicants position that the amendments to the claims are mere corrections of formal matter.

Furthermore, it is the Applicant’s position that such amendments to the claims, pursuant to MPEP §714.16: (1) are needed for proper disclosure or protection of the Applicants invention, and (2) require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office.

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If for any reason, the Examiner has any questions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the Applicants undersigned agent at the indicated telephone number to arrange for a telephone conference in order to help expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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